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E.O. 12958: DECL: 04/03/2016
TAGS: MARR PARM ETTC PREL PINS PINR PGOV KOMC CI HO
SUBJECT: END USE MONITORING: POST STILL WAITING FOR
OFFICIAL HONDURAN RESPONSE TO USG REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

REF: A. STATE 18532

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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission James Williard; Reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

- 11. (U) This is an Action request for Embassy Santiago. Please see para. 3.
- $\P2$. (C) PolMilOff, MILGP Commander, and DAO delivered ref A demarche and both English and Spanish non-papers on end use monitoring to Minister of Defense (MOD) Aristides Mejia on February 16. Although the issue was a sensitive one, MOD promised Post detailed information on quantity and types of engines and/or other equipment sent to Chile for maintenance. Post requested dates when they left the country and when they are expected to be back as well as stage of maintenance they are currently in. Subsequently, MILGP and PolMilOff have followed-up on numerous occasions through various avenues but have yet to receive this detailed list from the MOD/Honduran Armed Forces (HOAF). Post has made clear to the MOD/HOAF the proper procedures for any future transfers, and they are aware that the Embassy needs this information in order to appropriately close the case. Post has heard smatterings about the issue but nothing concrete. Post has most recently been promised this information once the Air Force Chief of Staff returns from Chile. MILGP has the lead on this issue and Post continues to press for closure via appropriate authorities. As more details develop on end use monitoring/third party transfers of these engines and equipment, Post will promptly e-mail State (WHA/PPC, WHA/CEN, and PM/RSAT).
- 13. (SBU) Action request for Embassy Santiago: Post requests POL and MILGP probe about this issue with appropriate personnel in the Chilean Armed Forces and report any findings. Ford